

PROJECT BRIEF

COMPREHENSIVE DISASTER MANAGEMENT HARMONIZED IMPLEMENTATION PROGRAMME – PHASE 1

OVERVIEW

The Comprehensive Disaster Management Harmonized Implementation Programme (Phase 1) will enhance institutional support, and alleviate the effects of climate change and disasters by improving communities' abilities to respond to and recover from natural and man-made hazards. The programme, being implemented by the Caribbean Disaster Emergency Management Agency (CDEMA) in partnership with the Organization of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS), supports the Caribbean's enhanced Comprehensive Disaster Management (CDM) Strategy via a harmonized, multi-donor approach. The five-year, US \$14,833,837 programme runs until March 2013, and is funded by the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA), the Australian Agency for International Development and the UK Department for International Development (DFID), with contributions from other donors, including CDEMA's participating states.

PROJECT OBJECTIVES

The programme's objectives are to enhance:

1. National and regional institutional support for CDM Programme implementation; and
2. Community resilience in CDEMA states to mitigate, respond to and recover from the adverse effects of climate variability and change and disasters.

MAJOR RESULTS

A. Enhanced institutional support for CDM Program implementation

1. Better capacity for cooperation among Caribbean States;
2. Identifying and meeting the key CDM requirements in CDEMA participating states;
3. Technical support to CDEMA;
4. A Model National CDM Policy, with adaptation guide;
5. Adoption of disaster management legislation in CDEMA states;
6. Upgrade of the CDEMA's Regional Coordination Centre (RCC); and
7. Mainstreaming disaster risk management in targeted sectors, such as tourism.

B. Existing educational and training materials for CDM are standardized in the region

1. Definition and endorsement of the 'Safe Schools' Concept
2. Strengthening Resilience Education and Training

B. Enhanced community resilience in CDEMA states

1. Capacity building to alleviate landslide hazards;
2. Safer Building Code of Practice training;
3. Development of a Model National Recovery and Reconstruction Framework;
4. Enhancement of the CDEMA Website enhanced for CDM information sharing; and
5. Integrating gender equality and climate change into CDM processes.



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